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1. The airfield, about 5 to 6 km southwest of Orsha (30°26'E/54°30'N), White Russian SSR, was somewhat larger than the Berlin-Tempelhof airfield. It had a railroad spur track (see Annex).
2. There were two perpendicular runways, each 80 x 1,000 meters and a 40 to 50-meter wide taxiway, almost oval shaped.
3. For location and installations see Annex.
4. The field was occupied by many planes of German make (He-109s, Ju-88s etc) and 30 to 40 four-engine planes of US make (engine set under wings, nose wheel).

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment:

a. The information, though dating back to 1947, on the stage of construction of the airfield is new.

b. according to a report covering the time up to July 1948, the field was apparently occupied by two bomber regiments and one fighter regiment.

1 Annex: Airfield of Orsha.

Legend to annex

I Airfield area

- 1 ..ooden fence

- a Taxiway

- b Aircraft marking since

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c Entrance gate

II

quartering and workshop area

- 2 Fence surrounding the area
- 3 Fence surrounding the David workshop
 - a Engine house and repair department
 - b Equipment shed
 - c Lathe and woodworking department
 - d Aircraft assembly department
- 4 P. Camp No 7271
 - a Economic building
 - b Administration building
 - c Residential block
- 5 Fenced-in area with:
 - a Forge
 - b Stables
 - c Building material storage shed
- 6 Carpenter shop
- 7 Sawmill
- 8 Residential block for officers
- 9 Two air force barracks buildings
- 10 Bath
- 11 Ruins
- 12 Ruins
- 13 Three wooden cantonment buildings for officers
- 14 Three destroyed buildings made habitable in a make-shift way
- 15 Three destroyed buildings
- 16 Three construction sites, only the foundations are cast
- 17 Railroad siding

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